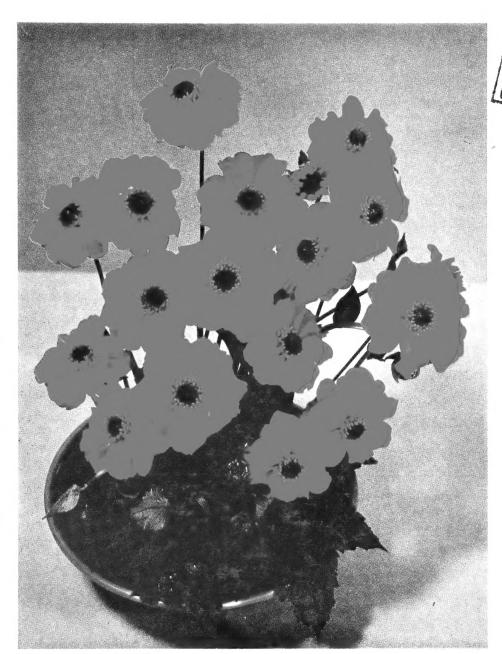
# DAHLIAS for '56



JAPANESE BISHOP

# Swan Island Dahlias

Dick and Shirley McCarter

The Largest Retail Dahlia Growers in the West

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#### A Letter to Our Customers . . . .

Dear Friends:

Once again we are pleased to send you our catalog of fine dahlias for the new year. We truly believe that among the many varieties offered each of you can find worthwhile additions to your own garden.

Just a word of caution this year — order early to avoid disappointment. As most of you are no doubt aware Western Oregon and Washington were hit by a severe early cold wave last November. While our loss was relatively moderate, we have had an early demand unlike anything we have ever experienced before — more than twice that of any previous year, some varieties already being sold out and of necessity being left out of this catalog.

Be safe — send your order now.

Our gardens are open to the public in blooming season. We recommend coming between late August and frost. (Some years we have a frost the first of October and this past year we lasted until the middle of November).

For those of you who can not come to the gardens we have a full schedule of shows during September. Watch the local papers for our show dates. Orders placed at the shows are reserved for spring delivery.

Our thanks to each of you for patronizing Swan Island Dahlias. We strive to sell you top quality tubers of some of the nicest dahlias grown.

Happy Gardening!

Dick and Shirley McCarter



### NOVELTY DAHLIAS



COMET

All of these little gems except Comet have open centered daisy-like flowers and are wonderful for small arrangements and table decorations. Rapidly growing in popularity and will soon be a "must" for any modern garden. CHERUBINO (Collarette). The perfect round flowers have ideal stems and a pure white color with a creamy collar .. \$1.00 COMET (Anemone). Deep velvety red with a pin cushion of the same color. The 4" flowers have fine long stems. 4' ..... 1.00 JAPANESE BISHOP (Miniature duplex). Rich red with a darker red center. 2" to 3" flowers. Very unusual dark foliage, almost black. Striking. 3'. See front cover . LADY EILEEN (Single bedding). Bright scarlet pink with darker halo. 18" to 2'. LIBRETTO (Collarette). Deep velvety black red with white collar. 5' bush .... 1.00 MURILLO (Single bedding). Hosts of 11/2" blooms on a plant rarely exceeding 12" in height. Flowers are a vivid pink with a darker halo .....

#### **Entire Collection for Only \$4.95**

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PINK BEDDER (Single bedding). Pure pink. Highly admired at our shows. 18".

#### JAPANESE BISHOP

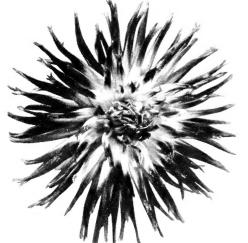
(See cover illustration)

Everybody's choice! A real "gem" to add that touch of distinction to your garden. We always take more orders for Japanese Bishop than any other variety of any type at our shows and gardens. The rich red flowers are strikingly contrasted with a very dark, almost black foliage, particularly effective for mass plantings. Frequently used as a hedge or as a foreground for taller growing varieties. The bushes grow about 3 feet in height and are sure to please in any garden spot.

6 for \$4.00

12 for \$7.50

As mentioned in our letter we bring you the finest dahlia shows ever staged each fall. This shot was taken at one of our annual shows held in the Auditorium at Meier and Frank's in Portland, Oregon. The shows are free of charge and we encourage you to visit at least one of them during the season so that you can actually see the many types and colors in bloom. You may make your selections and put your order on reservation for the following spring delivery. Our customers have been delighted with the many ideas they have gotten for their own arrangements. We sell only quality dahlias and always have someone from our gardens on hand to give you any assistance you may wish.

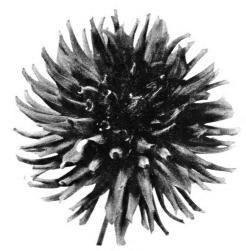


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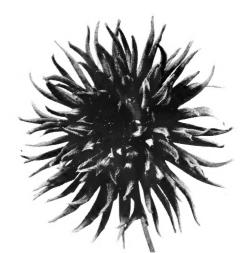
## Our Customers' FAVORITES



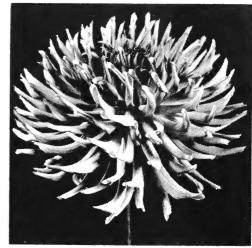
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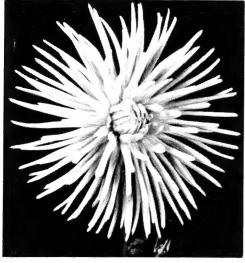


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SMOKY

Two special collections from among the varieties most heavily ordered by visitors to our gardens and our shows last fall.



ST. THERESE (above) MITHRA (below)

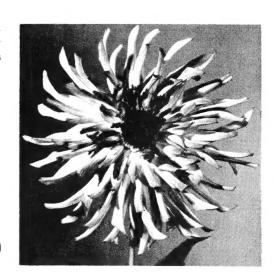
Here are two groups of dahlias for those who want varieties with a little something extra in the way of popular appeal. Our customers selected these as their favorites — make them yours!

ST. THERESE HOEK'S GLORY KINSUI FRANCES S.

MITHRA

for only \$3.95

BOTH COLLECTIONS for only \$8.50



FRANCES S. (above) HOEK'S GLORY (below)

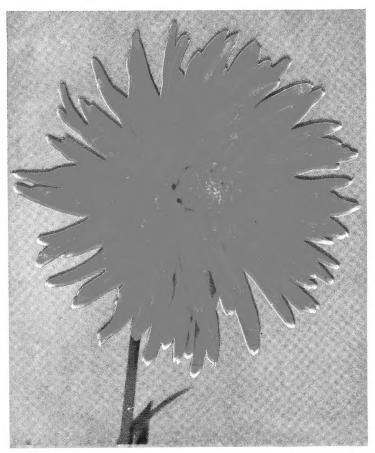




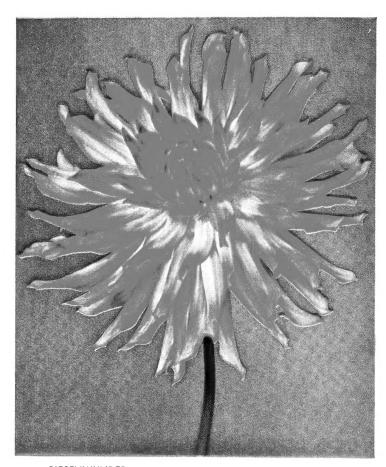


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## World's Most Beautiful Flowers

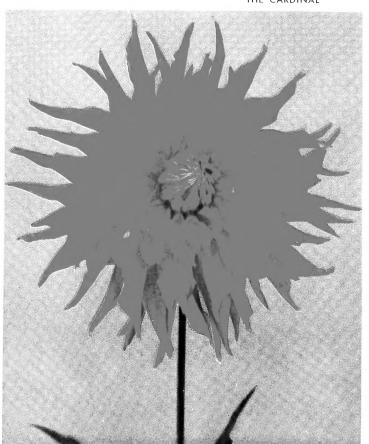


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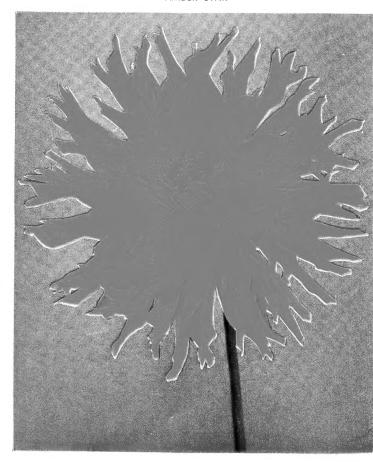


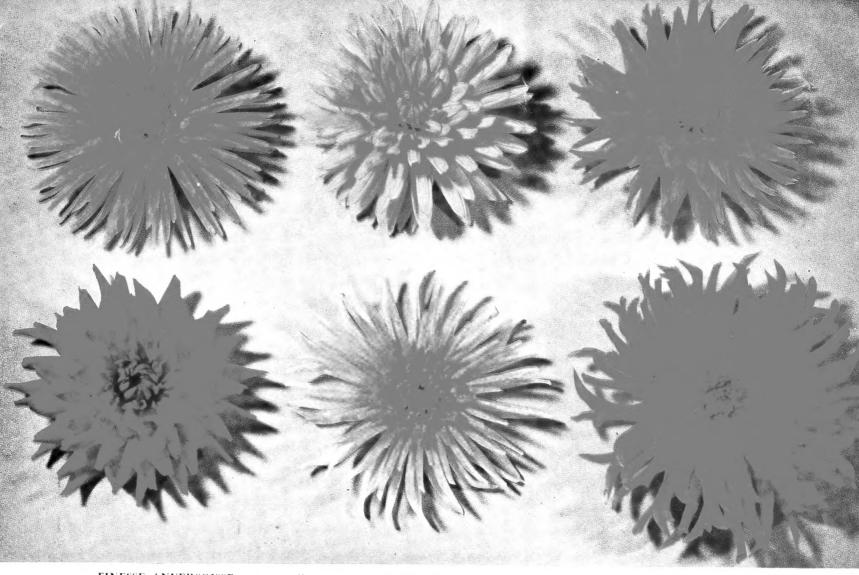
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AMBER STAR





FINESSE ANVERSOISSE: creamy yellow. BACCHUS: red.

GOOD MORNING: pink. WHITE SUPERIOR: white.

YELLOW SPECIAL; rich yellow. TORNADO: orange red.

## 6 NEW SHOW WINNERS only \$4:95

This sparkling group of fine new cactus dahlias will delight you with dozens and dozens of exhibition quality blooms equally good for cutting.

**BOTH COLLECTIONS — 11 New and** Beautiful CACTUS DAHLIAS — Only 9.50



## ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ **5-Star Special**

SPECTACULAR - OUTSTANDING

The 5 DAHLIAS pictured on the left

Truly an all star selection of these world wide favorites

VICTORY MAID: red and white. RIESENWUNDER: carmine pink.

PRIG: scarlet, gold tips. THE CARDINAL: red.

AMBER STAR: amber.

ALL 5 FOR ONLY

VICTORY MAID

## Selected CACTUS DAHLIAS

SC-Semi-Cactus; StC-Straight Cactus; IC-Incurved Cactus. A-8" and over; B-4" to 8".

Our own personal favorites! We believe them to be more beautiful than any other flower. Select several for a most outstanding garden this summer and fall. Ideal for the yard, exhibition, and bouquets in the home.

ADOLPH MAYER (A SC). Deepest velvety black red. 4½' AMBER STAR (B to A StC). 8" pure amber. Grand Sweepstak	\$1.00 tes	)	GUNYAH GLORY (A SC). 10" deep glistening purple. Challenge Cup Winner in Holland. Long perfect stems and beautiful form. 6'	
winner Oregon State Fair. 5'  AMI LOUIS BLIN (A SC). Deep velvety red. Extremely popul		5	HESTIA (B StC). 5" peach cutflower on 5' bush	
dahlia. Stock limited. 5'	1.00	)	HOEK'S GLORY (B to A StC). 8" incurved lilac rose. Looks	
ARISTOCRAT (B StC). 5" glowing red. Very spiny appearant Good cutflower. 6'	ce. <b>.75</b>	5	like a huge spider mum. Outstanding. 6' bush	.75
ATOMIC (B IC). 6" white cutflower with delicate lilac shadi	ng		HOEK'S YELLOW (B StC). A long lasting cutflower of pure sulphur yellow. 4'	.75
in cool or rainy weather. Stately 6' bush, fine stems		5	<b>HOLIDAY</b> (B SC). A pure deep pink cutflower. Good habits. 4'.	
stems in dahliadom. We consider this the best new red cactus f	or		HOLLYWOOD STAR (A SC). A very free flowering giant with	
cutting in many years. 5'. Blue ribbon winner in its color at class		)	strong stems. Orchid purple with slightly lighter center and reverse. A very good novelty! 5'	
BERGER'S MASTERPIECE (B IC). A very popular dahl	ia,	_	HYLAS (B SC). 6" salmon red with some gold in the center.	
always in demand. Soft salmon pink. 5'	ers		Ideal flower formation and deep green foliage. 5' bush	
on long stems. Show winner. $5\frac{1}{2}$	1.00	0	INSPECTOR GENERAL TOUSSAINT (A StC). 10" blood red on 4' bush. One of the nicest	
<b>BLYHEID</b> (B SC). 5" scarlet red on excellent stems. Outstandi for arangements. 5' bush		5	JERSEY DAINTY (B StC). 6" to 8" pure white cactus. Ideal for	
<b>BROTHER JUSTINUS</b> (B SC). 6" orange yellow with gold center. Low 3' bush with many flowers makes it ideal for beddi	en ng <b>.6</b> 0	D	florist work or exhibition. 5' bush	
CASPER LUDWIG'S MEMORY (A StC). 8" deep blood red wi	th		Beautiful garden plant	.75
long stiff stems. Flowers are held erect and it is one of the b for basket arrangements. 6' bush. Blue ribbon winner		0	<b>LYRIEK</b> (B IC). A very beautiful incurved orchid with curled petals. Delightful garden plant as well as a good cutflower. 5'	
<b>COPPERHEAD</b> (B to A IC). Brownish red with a copper h and golden shades. Excellent exhibition cactus. 5'	ue <b>1.0</b> 0	0	MARGARET ROSE (B IC). Striking salmon pink with a creamy center. Good cutflower. 5'	.85
CORAL PEACH (B StC). 5" coral peach shade. Very hea	vy		MARY TAYLOR (B to A StC). 8" taffy yellow suffused phlox	
bloomer on 5' bush. Early		U	pink. A very lacy and delicate dahlia good for cutting. 5' bush	.75
favorites. 5' bush	85	5	MME. ELIZABETH SAWYER (B StC). 6" to 8" pure pink straight cactus. 4' bush. Early and profuse	
<b>DIVA</b> (A IC). 10" pure lilac. A real addition to this color at class. Blue ribbon winner in many shows. 5' to 6'	na <b>1.25</b>	5	MME. JUISSANT (B IC). 6" to 8" violet shade. Petals twist and	
<b>DOGE</b> (B SC). One of the most sensational new novelties. T impressive flowers are carried high above the dark green folia			curl. 5' bush	
and have a perfect form. The color is the finest orchid purp	ole	0	MEVR. J. SANDBERG (B IC). Deep dark red with lacy twisted	
known in dahlias. A sure winner! 5'	sh.	,	petals. The ladies' favorite. 5'	
Early blooming and a mass of flowers all season long EDNA D (A StC). A very large glowing red. One of the mo		0	well formed 5' bush	.75
beautiful red giants we grow. 5'		0	MISS SAN DIEGO (B IC). Beautiful incurved blend of smoky pink and buff with split tips. 5'	.75
<b>ESPRIT</b> (B SC). One of the most admired dahlias at our sho this year. The very graceful flowers are a deep mauve wi			MITHRA (B StC). 6" bright orange with lighter center. Very	
very slight pink shadings. A natural for arrangements, $4\frac{1}{2}$	2.00	0	flashy and always draws attention. 4' bush	
<b>FAIR MAID</b> (B to A StC). 8" coral pink with golden hue. Very think this is one of the loveliest flowers in our garden. 6' bush		0	Good exhibition dahlia	.75
<b>FAITHFUL</b> (A SC). 10" to 12" pure white blossoms on excetionally rugged 6' bush. One of the largest cactus dahlias		n.	MUSTANG (A IC). 8" to 10" bright pink. Outstanding flower formation and very popular. 5'	.75
FINESSE ANVERSOISE (B StC). 6" light creamy yellow, almo		J	OAKLEIGH CHAMPION (A IC). 8" to 10" blooms of burnt	
chartreuse. Very spiny petaled flowers are ideal for decoration.	5' 1.00		orange and soft pink with lemon yellow shadings. Tall 6' bush.	
<b>FLIRT</b> (B StC). A first class cutflower with medium sized bloom excellent stems. The flowers are produced in abundant	ice		<b>ORFEO</b> (B IC). 6" deep glistening purple with perfect incurved form. Winner of many blue ribbons in recent dahlia shows. Un-	
FRANCES S (B to A StC). 7" to 9" fuchsia rose deepening to		U	PASTEL (B SC). 5" striking carmine pink. Very heavy blooming	
rich glowing center. Best "A" Size Advanced Amateur Cla	ass	n.	and a good cutflower. 4'	1.00
awarded Portland Dahlia Society Show. 5' bush	ed.	U	<b>PINK GIANT</b> (A SC to ID). 10" bold, beautiful clear pink on huge 5' bushes and sturdy stems. Noted for show and decorative	
The flowers are very large and have extremely spiny petals. Go cutflower. 5'. Early blooming	od	5	purposes	.75
GIANT OF BAARN (A IC). 10" to 12" outstanding new gia	nt	,	<b>PIONEER</b> (B StC). This dahlia is a must in everyones garden. Truly one of the best yellow cactus offered. 5'	1.00
from Holland. Huge flowers have a good form and a brig vermilion red color with salmon hue. Long stems with flow		ł	PRIDE OF HOLLAND (A StC), 8" to 10" outstanding new ex-	
carried well above the foliage. Very free flowering for such	a		hibition pink. 6'	1.00
large dahlia. 6' bush		U.	<b>PRIG</b> (B SC). 6* scarlet with tiny gold tips. Very free flowering. A must for those who like bright colors. 6'	1.00
some salmon. One of the most striking dahlias for arrangemen Sure to please. 5' bush	ts.	0	REVERIE (B IC). 6" coral pink with primrose center. Petals	
GOOD MORNING (B StC). 6" pure pink of exceptional quali	ty.		twist and curl, giving it a most graceful appearance. 5'	
Unsurpassed for cutting and arranging. One of our best no cutflowers. 5' bush. Medal winner	2W	)	to creamy yellow center. Breathtakingly beautiful in mass effects. Strong healthy 5' bush	
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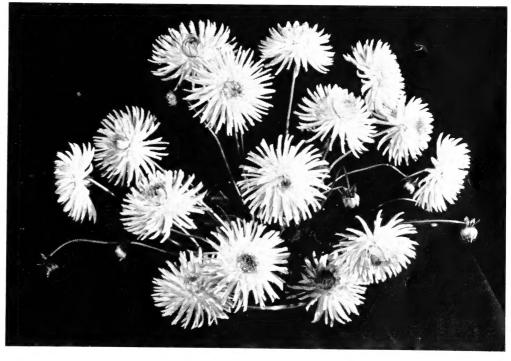
V	RIVOLI (B IC). 6" to 8" pure yellow of fine habits. Reliable for both garden and show	1.00	<b>TRAJECTUM</b> (B StC). 6" orchid purple with silver sheen. Long wiry stems and excellent keeping quality. 5'	1.00
	<b>ROCKET SPRAY</b> (A SC). 8" cream base with soft shadings of shrimp pink at the ends of the petals. Very lovely. 6' bush	.75	<b>UTOPIA</b> (A IC). 10" carmine pink and salmon. Petals are very fine and pointed. Pleases all the ladies. 6'	1.25
	ROYAL SIGHT (A SC). Bright Rhodamine pink with pure white center. The large flowers are held erect on long and rigid stems. 5'  ST. THERESE (B StC). 5" light pink with white center. The favorite with more people than any other cactus. A good	1.00	VAL ST. LAMBERT (B IC). One of the most beautiful and striking dahlias grown anywhere. A finely petaled bloom with a center of rich cream brushed almost solidly with cerise pink along the outer two thirds of the petal. A sure winner. Stock limited. Order early. 4' to 5' bush	
1	SILVRETTA (B IC). An unusual color composed from pink.		VADER de LOOF (B SC). 5" deep blood red on ideal stems. First class cutflower. 6'	.75
	lilac and golden shades. Very fine petaled. 5' bush		<b>VAMPYR</b> (A IC). 10" deep orange. Twisted petals give a pleasing form to the flower. Challenge Cup Winner. 6'	
	name. 5' to 6'  SUNKIST (B SC). 6" pure sunkist orange on long stiff stems. One		<b>VICTORY MAID</b> (B to A IC). Fine new deep blood red tipped white cactus. Always true to color. Very good exhibition variety. 5'	1 00
	of the brightest and best dahlias of any type, 4'		WHITE SUPERIOR (B StC). An excellent pure white cutflower	
	6' bush		YELLOW SPECIAL (B StC). 6" rich yellow.Highly recommended for cutting. 3'-4'	.60
	Medal winner 1954 Portland Dahlia Society Show	1.50	YOUR LUCKY STAR (A SC). 8" to 10" clear pink with white center. Much admired dahlia. 6' bush	.75
	stems. Outstanding show flower as well as ideal garden plant. 5'		WILLIAM EVANS (A IC). Huge 8" to 10" flowers with orange base and slight crimson veinings. Petals twist and curl. Flowers are almost as deep as they are broad. One of the most unusual dahlias we have ever grown. 4'	
	<b>TORNADO</b> (B IC). 6" to 8" deep orange with salmon hue. Flowers have great depth and stand out in the garden. 6' bush .	1.00	<b>ZENITH</b> (B StC). 6" deep purple with reverse of petals silver. Early and free flowering. Very popular. 5' bush	

## DAINTY MINIATURE CACTUS DAHLIAS

Each year we grow thousands of these gay bright little beauties for our cutflower trade with Portland florists. They are unexcelled for bouquets and arrangements as well as being superior garden plants because of their free blooming characteristics.

Remember the term miniature applies to the size of the flower and not necessarily to bush height. Average flower size is 3" to 5". Check your individual variety listing for bush height.

ANDRIES ORANGE



<b>ANDRIES ORANGE.</b> Golden orange. Each plant produces literally dozens of blooms at one time. 3'	.50	MARKET JEWEL. Rich velvet red. Flowers almost glow from the intense ruby color. 4'	.7!
ANIMATO. Radiant rose. Fine stems and an outstanding cut- flower. 3'	.50	PEACE. Fine white miniature. 3'	
ARABESQUE. Clear light vellow. Very low growing bush with		PINK LADY. Pure pink exhibition dahlia. 3'	.75
lots of flowers. 2'		ROYALTY. A free blooming light orchid purple with some	
BARBARA DOANE. Light pink with white center. Delicate. 3'.	.50	white in the center. 4'	.50
HONSHU GEM. One of the best small flowering yellow cactus		UNION. Dainty soft lavender that blends well. 3'	.75
grown. Fine full bush literally covered with blooms the whole season. Lacy foliage. 4'	.50	WILLY FLATON. Beautiful snow white blooms on 3' bush. Profuse bloomer	.75



## MINIATURE DECORATIVE and WATERLILY DAHLIAS



GLORY OF HEEMSTEDE, yellow GERRY HOEK, pink

#### ALL 5 OF THESE TOP-NOTCH **CUT FLOWER DAHLIAS ONLY**

This collection of miniature decorative dahlias contains some of the best cutflower varieties ever introduced in any country in the world. Each plant will bear up to several hundred blooms each season – and don't forget – the more you cut them the more they bloom! Our Portland florists buy these by the thousands each season for their work in floral arrangements, and our own customers who have visited our gardens have informed us they have kept some of them up to two weeks after being cut. Remember to cut them in the cool of the day, leaving them in water over night or for a period of not less than 4 hours before arranging. Also, be sure to cut any dablia when it is fully mature, if cut too young they will droop almost immediately and if cut too old they will shed their petals almost immediately. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE ARMLOADS OF CUTFLOWERS FROM LATE JULY UNTIL FROST! For other varieties and colors see our General Listing on page 11.



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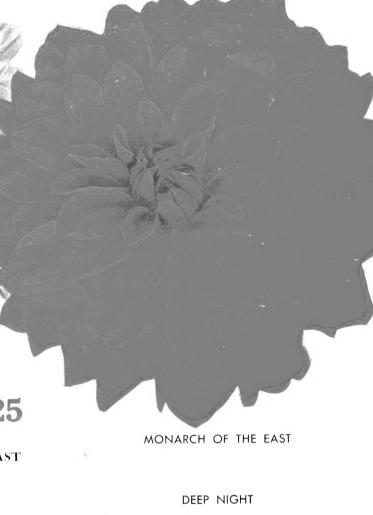
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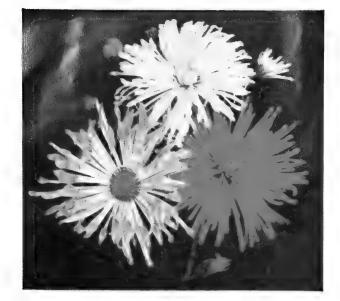
## WORLD FAMED GIANT DECORATIVE DAHLIAS... Some as Large as Dinner Plates

Swan Island Dahlias again brings you the cream of the crop with this carefully selected list of 96 varieties. No other type is as widely popular as these tremendous giants of the garden. ORDER YOURS TODAY FOR PRIZE WINNING BLOOMS THIS FALL.

FD-Formal Decorative; ID-Informal Decorative. A-8" or more across; B-4" to 8" across

ARC de TRIOMPH (B FD). 6" to 8" deep gold on 5' bush	1.00	<b>DOKOUPILOVA OBROVSKA</b> (B to A FD). A very different shade in a dahlia. Well formed blooms have a soft lilac rose	
<b>ARTHUR GODFREY</b> (A FD). One of the largest American incroductions. The 10" to 12" immense flowers have a beautiful		shade on a 5' bush	.50
Orient red color with orange shadings. Stems are strong and carry the flowers high above the foliage. 4'	1.50	<b>DOROTHY GEER</b> (A ID). 8" pure pink. Petals curl back toward the stem giving it a distinctive appearance. 5' bush	
AZURA (A ID). 12" clear lilac. Very strong 6' to 7' bush. Exhibition dahlia	.75	<b>DR. KENNETH TAYLOR</b> (A FD). Bright red formal blooms on 6' bush	.75
BALLEGO'S GLORY (B to A FD). 7" to 9" mahogany with each petal edged in gold. 5' bush. Blue Ribbon winner, 1955 Oregon		<b>DUTCH PURPLE</b> (B to A FD). 8" rich royal purple. 5' bushes literally covered with blooms during the whole season	.50
State Fair	.75	<b>DUTCH YELLOW</b> (A FD). 10" clear yellow on 5' bush. New and showy	.50
BLACKOUT (A FD). Although not one of the largest, this is one of the most perfectly formed blooms. Deep velvety maroon. A beauty! 3½'	2.00	<b>EASTERN ECHO</b> (B FD). 5" to 6" rose pink with deep rose stripes. A "must" for those who like bi-colors. 6' bush	
BLUE RIVER (A FD). 10" to 12" silvery lavender. Very popular. 3' to 4'	.50	EDITH MORRELL (A ID), 10" dusty rose. Much admired in our fields. 4' bush	.75
BLUE MOON (A ID). 10" to 12" lavender with purple florets in the center. 6' bush. Striking	.75	\$50 GOLD (A ID). 10" pure gold, rugged 5' bush. Exhibition dahlia	.75
<b>BLUE ROSE</b> (A FD). 9" bluish rose color. 4' to 5' bush		<b>FIVE STAR GENERAL</b> (A FD). Very large pink blended with maize yellow. Outstanding variety. $10''$ to $12''$ blooms on $5'$ bush .	1.00
<b>BRANDARIS</b> (B FD). Here is a dahlia sure to win the heart of everyone. It was the most ordered dahlia at our shows in the		<b>FLAMINGO</b> (B FD). Carmine pink blended maize yellow. A good dahlia for the garden as well as cutting. 5'	
decorative class. The perfectly formed blooms are a rich scarlet brange with a distinct golden center. (Named for a lighthouse by the North See) Roelly a brank is about the North See Roelly a brank is about the second of the s		FLORIST BEAUTY (B FD). 6" wine purple usually tipped white. 5' bush	.75
on the North Sca.) Really a break in color! Keeps up to ten lays in water. 5'	1.00	<b>FRANCES H. ARCHER</b> (B FD). 7" to 8" pure ball shaped lavender. 6' bush. Outstanding garden plant	
BURMA (A ID). 9" to 10" rich cinnamon on 6' bush. Very early and has an amazing number of flowers for such a large one	1.50	GOLDEN ECLIPSE (A FD). 8" golden yellow. 5' bush. An	.50
CALIFORNIA ROSE (A ID). Heavy blooming 9" rose pink. 5' bush	.50	old favorite	.50
CAROLINE KERNOCHEN (B to A ID). 8" creamy yellow with cose red brushed to the ends of the petals. Flowers twist and		bush. Ideal stems and flowers last up to a week when cut GOLDEN RAYS (A ID). 9" light gold blooms. Hosts of flowers	.75
curl. 6' bush	.75	on 6' bushes make it one of the showiest plants in the garden <b>HERBERT LEWIS</b> (A ID). 9" yellow. Rugged 6' to 7' bush. Pro-	.50
with shades of orange to the center. Blooms are deep and very full, often appearing near round in shape. $4\frac{1}{2}$	75	fuse bloomer	.50
CHAUTAUQUA SALUTE (A ID). 9" wavy petaled blooms of	.75	HIKAN (B FD). Vigorous tall growing scarlet red. 6'  J. K. ALEXANDER JR. (A ID). 10" crimson of startling beauty.	.50
distening white on 6' to 7' bush	.50	4' bush	.75
P bushCLARA CARDER (A ID). 12" blooms of cyclamen pink. 4' bush	.75 .50	gold blending to a rich apricot at the center. An old favorite. 6' <b>JERSEY BEAUTY</b> (B to A FD). 7" to 9" rich pink cutflower.	.50
CLARIAM KELTON (A ID). 10" flame red with yellow. Very stately grower with long stems. Good exhibition variety	.75	The "queen" of modern dahlias. Tall strong stems and a vigorous grower. 6' bush	.50
COLONEL LITTLE (A ID). A very lovely garden plant with showy flowers of a bright orange with a lighter reverse. Low	.,,	<b>JOSEPHINE G</b> (B to A SC to ID). Light pink slightly tipped with silver. 5' bush	.50
bush	1.00	KATHLEEN NORRIS (A ID). 10" light pink. 5' bush. Good ex-	
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n outstanding show winner every year and we recommend it without hesitation. 12" flowers on sturdy 5' bush	1.50	Very formal petal arrangement, 4' bush. Cutflower	.50
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a striking appearance in the garden	.75	uriant 6' bush. Plant this one early for best results  SIMOUN (A ID). A very flashy dahlia with bright yellow	
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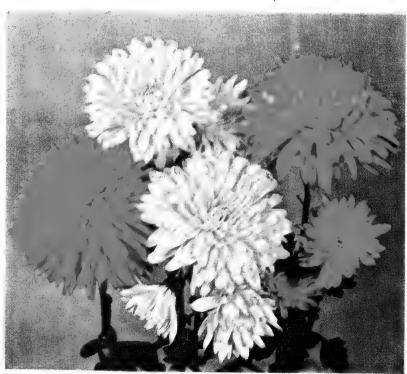
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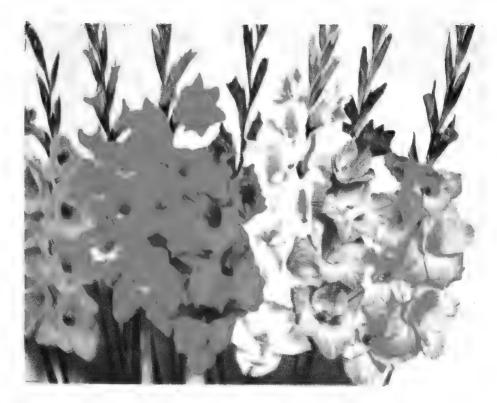
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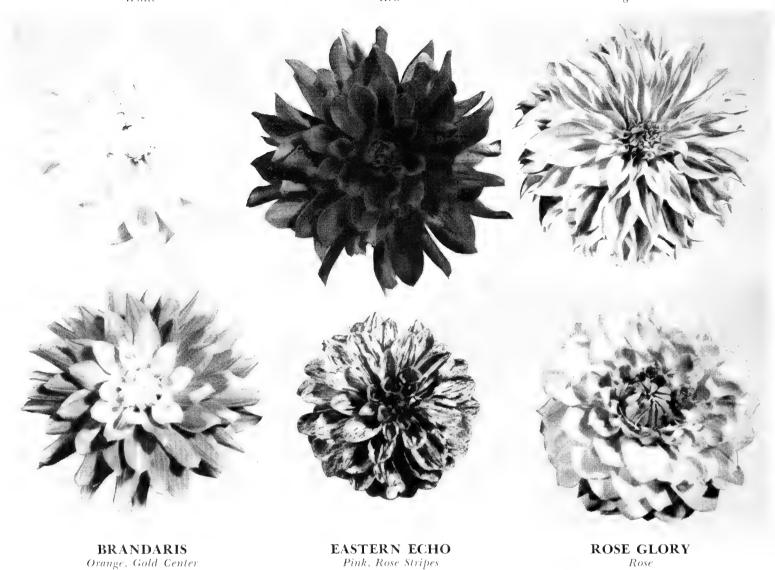
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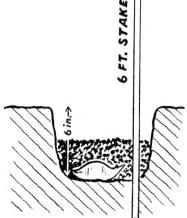
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DIG DAHLIAS late in fall, usually after frost. Lift carefully and store in cool  $(35^{\circ}$  to  $50^{\circ})$ place. Inspect monthly. If tubers shrivel, storage is too hot and dry. Mold can be controlled with ample ventilation.

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ALL BRIGHT. Brilliant flame. Outstanding. 5'-6'.

AMBER QUEEN. Rich amber. See illustration. 4'.

BETTY ANN. Very delicate pink. See illustration. 3'-4'.

BROWNIE. Clear bright orange flowers on 4' bush.

CELESTIA. A tiny pure white. 4' to 5'.

CHALLENGE. Maroon and white. 3' to 4'.

**DORIA.** Very dark maroon. Blends well when used with soft shades of pink. 3'.

ELOISE. A beautiful blend of fuchsia purple. 5' to 6'.

HAZEL DELL. Light pink. 5' to 6'.

**HELEN ANITA.** Lavender pink with white dot in center. See illustration. 3 to 4'.

JOANNA PETTIT. Glowing salmon pink. 5' to 6'.

JOE FETTE. Best white. See illustration. 5' to 6'.

LAURIE. Soft cream. 5'.

LITTLE DAVID. Very small burnt orange. 3' bush.

LIBBY ROHR. Wine purple. 5' to 6'.

LITTLE DOVE. Rosy orchid. 3' to 4'.

MIKE. Orange red. Low bush. 3'.

MARY MUNNS. Orchid lavender. 4' to 5'.

MINNIE MELLS. Rosy mottled pink. 4' to 5'.

MORNING MIST. White with soft orchid blush. 4-5'.

PATRICIA K. Light lavender. 4' to 5'.

PEGGY ANN. Orange. 6'.

PRIDE. Low growing rich maroon. Profuse bloomer. 3'.

PURPLE GEM. Dark reddish purple. See illustration. 3'.

RED EYE. Gold with a red eye. 4' to 5'.

REGULUS. Deep violet purple. Exhibition pompon. 4'.

SHEILA. Lovely blend of red and yellow. 4' to 5'.

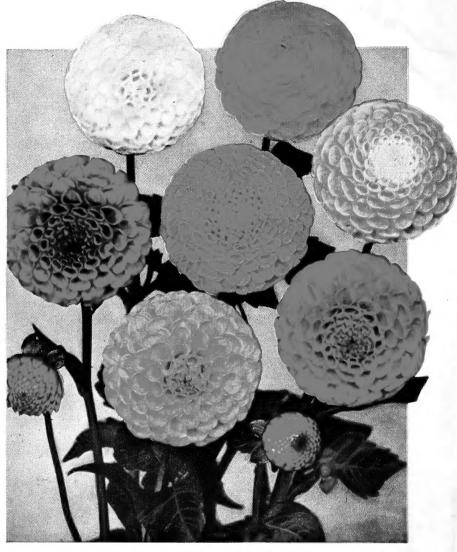
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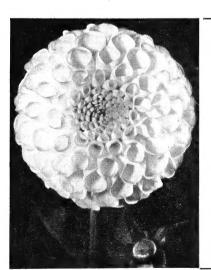
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## **BALL DAHLIAS**

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<b>A. D. LIVONI.</b> Clear pink. 2' to 3' \$ .40	<b>SNOW QUEEN.</b> Glistening white.	
CALIFORNIA SCARLET. Brilliant scarlet. 5'	6' SUPERINTENDENT AMHRYN.	.40
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